

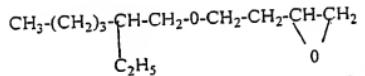
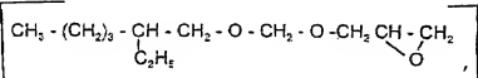
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

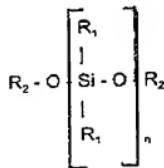
LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) A paint composition comprising:
a resin constituent consisting essentially of
i) a non-aromatic epoxy resin having the formula:



ii) a polysiloxane having the formula:



where R^1 is a hydroxyl or an alkyl, aryl or alkoxy group having up to 6 carbon atoms, R^2 is a hydrogen or an alkyl or aryl group having up to 6 carbon atoms and n is a number selected so that

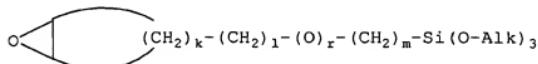
the molar mass of the polysiloxane is within the range of 400 to 2000, and

iii) an epoxy silane which acts as a crosslinking agent between the epoxy and siloxane chains.

20. (previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 19, wherein the weight ratio between the epoxy silane, polysiloxane and non-aromatic epoxy resin is 1:2-5:2-5.

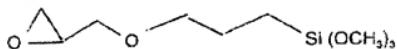
21-26. (canceled)

27. (previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 19, wherein the epoxy silane has the formula



where k is an integer between 0 and 4, r is 0 or 1, 1 is an integer between 1 and 6, m is an integer between 1 and 6 and Alk is an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

28. (previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 27, wherein the epoxy silane has the formula



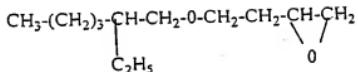
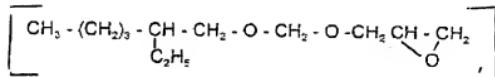
29. (previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 27, wherein the epoxy silane has the formula



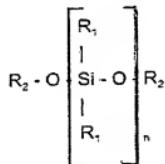
30. (previously presented) A kit, comprising a container A, which contains a composition according 19, and a container B, which contains a hardener.

31. (currently amended) A paint composition comprising:

- a) a pigment, and
- b) a resin constituent consisting essentially of
- i) a non-aromatic epoxy resin having the formula:



- ii) a polysiloxane having the formula:



wherein R^1 is a hydroxyl or an alkyl, aryl or alkoxy group having up to 6 carbon atoms, R^2 is a hydrogen or an alkyl or aryl group having up to 6 carbon atoms and n is a number selected so that

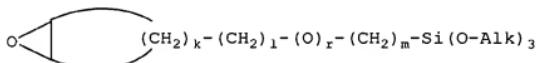
the molecular weight of the polysiloxane is within the range of 400 to 2000, and

iii) an epoxy silane which acts as a cross-linking agent between the epoxy and siloxane chains.

32. (previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 31, wherein the weight ratio between the epoxy silane, polysiloxane and non-aromatic epoxy resin is 1:2-5:2-5.

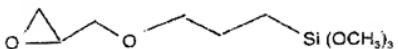
33-38. (canceled)

39. (previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 31, wherein the epoxy silane has the formula



where k is an integer between 0 and 4, r is 0 or 1, 1 is an integer between 1 and 6, m is an integer between 1 and 6 and Alk is an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

40. (previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 39, wherein the epoxy silane has the formula



41. (previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 39, wherein the epoxy silane has the formula



42. (previously presented) A kit, comprising a container A, which contains a composition according 31, and a container B, which contains a hardener.

43. (canceled)